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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 4544 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN
NEW YORK NDJAMENA NIAMEY TRIPOLI FEB 14.
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SUBJ: CHAD DEVELOPMENTS

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICA DE LA
ROCHERE INFORMED US FEBRUARY 14 THAT THE GOF WAS AGAIN
ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN LIBYA AND CHAD
IN NIAMEY. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT IF A NEGOTIATING
SESSION COULD BE SET UP IN TIME, THE CHAD GOVERNMENT
WOULD WITHDRAW ITS REQUEST FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEET-
ING NOW. THERE IS NOT TIME, HOWEVER, TO GET THE NIAMEY
MEETING ORGANIZED BEFORE THE SC MEETING SET FOR
FEBRUARY 17 AND IT WILL TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED.

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2. THE RELIEF COLUMN WHICH WAS HEADING TOWARDS FADA
HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY ANNIHILATED. THREE SURVIVORS WHO
MANAGED TO GET BACK TO GOVERNMENT FORCES ON FOOT
REPORTED THAT AS THEY APPROACHED FADA THEY WERE OVER-
FLOWN BY A LIGHT AIRCRAFT OF A TYPE CAPABLE OF LANDING
ON THE DESERT. IT WAS NOT A GOC AIRCRAFT AND WAS
PROBABLY LIBYAN. ALSO, SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM FADA

THE COLUMN CAME ACROSS PARACHUTES OF THE TYPE USED TO AIRDROP MATERIEL. THESE WERE PROBABLY USED IN DROPPING SUPPLIES TO THE REBELS WHO ATTACKED FADA. IF SO, IT WAS MOST LIKELY THE LIBYANS WHO CARRIED OUT THE SUPPLY OPERATION. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED BY THE CHAD DELEGATION IN PRESENTING ITS CASE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT DE LA ROCHERE NOTED THAT UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE SUCH AS PHOTOGRAPHS OR PRISONERS TO PROVE DIRECT LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE REBELS.

3. (INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE TREATED AS NOFORN AND CLOSELY HELD.) REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GOF HAD SENT A PARACHUTE UNIT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN TO CHAD, DE LA ROCHERE SAID THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE. THE GOF HAD, HOWEVER, SENT A COMMANDO OF SOME FORTY-THREE MEN TO BE USED IF THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ARISE IN AN OPERATION TO FREE THE FRENCH AND SWISS HOSTAGES. THE COMMANDO IS PRESENTLY AT ABECHÉ AND AS A RESULT OF ITS PRESENCE THE GOF HAS NOT FELT IT NECESSARY TO EVACUATE FRENCH CITIZENS FROM THERE. THE COMMANDO IS IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, HAS ALL ITS EQUIPMENT WITH IT, AND CAN MOVE OUT ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. THE GOF HAS NOT PINNED DOWN WHERE THE HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD, BUT BELIEVES IT IS SOMEWHERE IN NORTHEASTERN NIGERIA. THE GOF IS WORKING
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THROUGH THE ICRC AND NIGERIAN RED CROSS AND IS IN CONTACT WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE AREA. COOPERATION WITH THE FMG IS GOOD.
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